

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Donna Arduin as Director of Finance in November 2003. Prior to her appointment as Director, Schwarzenegger appointed Arduin to undertake an outside, independent audit of California government and state finances.

Arduin offers extensive experience in bringing government spending under control through long-term planning and fiscally conservative budgeting. Arduin most recently served as the Director for the Florida Office of Policy and Budget for Governor Jeb Bush, where she formulated the governor's policy recommendations and negotiated with the legislature to enact his budget policies.

Prior to working for Governor Bush, Arduin held similar positions in New York and Michigan, helping to turn those states' finances around. She served Governor George Pataki for four years as first deputy and acting budget director, and Governor John Engler for three years as chief deputy director of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget. All three states significantly increased reserves and reduced taxes and each was one of two or three states graded "A" by the respected public policy research foundation Cato Institute for fiscal management during Arduin's tenure.

A graduate of Duke University, Arduin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and public policy. She has worked in New York and Tokyo in the private financial markets for Morgan Stanley and Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan.